

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 19215US02)**

In the Application of:

Mark F. Pittenger, et al.

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mesenchymal stem cells

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Dear Examiner Sajjadi:

This communication is being submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 18, 2008. This response is timely because it is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 4.